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# Inside the news—briefly

## Soviets accused of 'gunboat diplomacy'

Washington

CIA Director Stansfield Turner accused the Soviet Union in an interview Sunday of "gunboat diplomacy" for its increased military presence off Western Africa and in the Indian Ocean.

He told U.S. News & World Report magazine that the Soviet Union is "stalemated" in Europe and, as a result, is attempting to gain influence elsewhere in the world.

"I think their presence in the Indian Ocean is symptomatic of their desire to leapfrog out to gain influence in other areas of the world while they're stalemated in Europe," Admiral Turner said.

He told the magazine that the Soviet presence in the Mediterranean could be considered a counter to the U.S. position and that its presence in the Norwegian Sea and Sea of Japan is a legitimate defensive concern close to the homeland.